

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, it is with tremendous respect and heartfelt appreciation that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in order to recognize Barbara Huffman who will sing the National Anthem during the 94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly's House Swearing In Ceremony to be held on January 5, 2005, in the House Chamber of the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City; and

**Whereas**, the National Anthem of the United States of America was written during the War of 1812; and

**Whereas**, in 1814, Francis Scott Key, a Baltimore lawyer, was sent on a mission to the British fleet anchored off Fort McHenry near Baltimore; and

**Whereas**, Francis Scott Key went to negotiate the release of an American physician held captive on one of the British ships; and

**Whereas**, on the night of September 13, 1814, while Francis Scott Key was on board one of the British ships, the British attacked Fort Henry; and

**Whereas**, at dawn the following day, Francis Scott Key saw the American flag still flying over the fort and was so moved that he wrote the words to The Star-Spangled Banner; and

**Whereas**, The Star-Spangled Banner was made the official national anthem by an act of Congress on March 3, 1931; and

**Whereas**, Barbara Huffman of Fredericktown is active in the music program at Calvary Temple, where she has enjoyed recognition as a songwriter who has been recorded by southern gospel music artists; and

**Whereas**, a constituent of Speaker-elect Rod Jetton, Barbara Huffman sang gospel music as a child with her family, the Huffman Family:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Barbara Huffman who will take part in the House Swearing In Ceremony on January 5, 2005; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Barbara Huffman.

Offered by Speaker Rod Jetton  
District No. 156

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. , adopted , 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker